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from the record of the conference of the Reich Foreign Minister with ambassador Oshima in Fuschl on 23 February 1941.

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Military, the Reich Foreign Minister continued, the Fuehrer had created a number of new formations during the winter. In the spring 240 divisions, including 186 first-class attack divisions, are available.

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Should Germany lose the war, the Soviet star would rise over Europe. We observe the situation in the East attentively and with supreme calm. A German-Russian conflict, however, would result in a gigantic German victory and signify the end of the Soviet regime.

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However, Japan, in its own interest, should come in as soon as possible. This would destroy England's key position in the Far East, Japan on the other hand, would thus secure its position in the Far East, a position which it can acquire only through war.

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(3) ~~Should it seem to be in the interest of Japan also to secure for itself still during the war, in consideration of the coming new world order, the position it wants to hold in the Far East at the time of a peace treaty.~~ Ambassador Oshima agreed with me entirely and said that he would do everything to carry through this policy.

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The German Minister for Foreign Affairs continued by saying that it was Japan's friendship which enabled Germany to arm after the antikomintern pact was concluded. On the other hand, Japan was able to penetrate deeply into the English sphere of interest in China. Germany's victory on the continent does now, after the conclusion of the three-power pact, bring great advantages for Japan.

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Fuschl, 23 February 1941.

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- 1877-PS Memorandum about the conference between the Reich Foreign Minister and the Japanese Foreign Minister, Matsuoka, at Berlin on 29 March 1941.
- 2929-PS Memorandum about the conference between the Reich Foreign Minister and the Ambassador Oshima on 18 April 1943 at Fuschl.
- 1834-PS Foreign Office, Reich Foreign Minister, #56/R. Extract of a memorandum about a conference with the new Ambassador from Japan, Oshima, at Fuschl on 23 February 1941.
- 2954-PS Memorandum about the conference of the Foreign Minister with Ambassador Oshima on 6 March 1943.
- 2897-PS Telegram, Tokyo, dated 14 July 1941. #1217.
- 2898-PS Telegram, Tokyo, dated 13 November 1941. #2097.
- 1881-PS Memorandum about a conference between the Fuehrer and the Japanese Foreign Minister, Matsuoka, in the presence of the Foreign Minister of the Reich and Minister Meissner, at Berlin, on 4 April 1941.
- 2396-PS Telegram, special train Westphalen, #707, dated 10 July 1941.
- C-75 Directive No. 24 concerning collaboration with Japan. Fuehrer Headquarters. Dated 5 March 1941.

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